

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

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This year approximately \$178 million will be disbursed to California under the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to help meet new federal voting requirements, including the elimination of election systems based on punch-card ballots.

A portion of these federal HAVA funds are allocated to Counties under California’s HAVA Preliminary State Plan, a draft of which was issued for comment on June 17, 2003 by California’s Secretary of State. However, the Secretary of State issued the financial component of this preliminary plan without consulting the Secretary’s 24-member Advisory Committee (which includes Los Angeles County’s Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk). The plan as drafted proposes a formula that leaves Los Angeles County up to \$32.1 million short of the estimated \$100 million needed to purchase a replacement voting system.

Other states’ plans propose allocating between 45-90% of their HAVA Title II funds for purchasing replacement voting systems. Yet California’s preliminary plan specifies a much lower percentage of Title II funds for this purpose: 10.3%. If the plan is finalized as currently proposed, Los Angeles County could receive as little as \$2.5 million in HAVA Title II funds for voting system upgrades.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board send a 5-signature letter to the California Secretary of State objecting to the financial component of the draft HAVA Preliminary State Plan as currently written; and

I, FURTHER MOVE that the Board request the Secretary of State to consult with his Advisory Committee, including Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Conny McCormack, before the July 17, 2003 deadline to finalize the HAVA State Plan.

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